MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavancod*): I did not get the agenda paper sufficiently early.

PRESIDENT: I am afraid we cannot help it.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): I think, under the rules, I am entitled to get it in advance.

PRESIDENT: I am not prepared to discuss the matter.

Loss of Salt in Tulam 1101.

183. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) whether there was any loss of salt in the various salt factories during the rains in Tulam 1101; and

(2) if so, what is the total quantity of salt lost?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) and (2) The Member is referred to the answer given to part (*a*) of Question No. 182 by Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.

Loss of Salt in the Floods of 1101.

184. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastiswaram*): With reference to the floods of Tulam 1101, will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the quantity of salt destroyed in each salt factory in South Travancore;

(2) the total loss sustained by the Government on account of such destruction of salt; and

(3) the approximate loss sustained by the licensees in each factory on account of (*a*) loss of salt and (*b*) other flood damages to the factories?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) and (2) The Member is referred to the answers given to parts (*a*) and (*c*) of Question No. 182 by Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.

(3) The licensees are reported to have suffered a loss of Rs. 58,787 on account of salt destroyed and Rs. 18,100 on account of other damages.

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MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): May I point out that the answers to question No. 182, parts (*a*) and (*c*), do not contain an answer to my question No. 184 part (2). I want the total loss sustained by the Government on account of the loss of salt. It is the licensee's loss that is mentioned there.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The answer to question 182 refers to the total quantity of salt destroyed during the rains of Tulam 1101. That answer contains the licensees' as well as the Government's share of loss. Until Government take delivery of the salt, there is no difference, so to say, between the licensees' salt and the Government salt.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): For every maund, a portion goes to the Government and another to the licensee.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That is only after the Government take delivery of the salt.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): I want the total loss, in money, that Government have sustained.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government have not lost anything since they have not taken delivery of any quantity of salt.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): I do not know whether I am out of order. What I wanted to know was whether, when a certain amount of salt has been destroyed, Government would not have lost something?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag Secretary to Government*): Might have been is a different thing from what is.

Preventive measures against the loss of Salt in Floods.

185 **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state what steps were taken by them to prevent the loss of large quantities of salt after their experience of the floods of 1098, and what steps they now propose to take to prevent such loss in future?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): After the floods of Vrischikam 1098, Government had a joint inspection of the locality conducted by the Excise Commissioner and the Chief Engineer. The report was under consideration when the floods of Tulam last occurred. The question of specially deputing an expert engineer to suggest suitable remedies is engaging the attention of the Government.

Excise Commissioner's Report on the floods in Tamaracolam Salt Factory.

186. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the report of the Excise Commissioner on the floods in the Tamaracolam Salt Factory sent by him after the floods of Vrischikam 1098 and Tulam 1101

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